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SUBJ: SUPPLY OF GUM ARABIC

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1. CURRENT SUPPLY POSITION IS EXTREMELY TIGHT. NEW CROP (1973/74) PRICES WILL BE RELEASED IN FEBRUARY. DUE TO DROUGHT IN OTHER COUNTRIES AND RELATIVELY SMALL CROP, ABOUT 35 THOUSAND METRIC TONS, GUM ARABIC COMPANY (GAC) EXPECTS HEAVY DEMAND IN 1974. PRICES MAY GO UP BY 15/25 PERCENT OVER 1973, GAC HAS INCREASED ITS LOCAL BUYING PRICES BY 52 PERCENT TO LS .154 (\$442.0) PER METRIC TON.

2. GOS MAKING EFFORTS EXPAND GUM ARABIC PRODUCTION INCLUDING CONTROLLED PLANTING NEW TREES. ACCORDING TO FIVE YEAR PLAN GUM PRODUCTION IS PROJECTED REACH 60,000 METRIC TONS BY 1975/76 BUT REALISTIC ESTIMATES WOULD CUT THAT FIGURE TO NO MORE THAN 50,000 METRIC TONS--AND THAT CONDITIONED ON CONTINUATION CURRENT INCENTIVES AND FACILITIES.

3. DETAILED REPORT WILL FOLLOW WHEN MORE DATA ON PRODUCTION AND PRICES ARE RELEASED IN FEBRUARY.
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